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# City Council Newsletter



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## City of Eugene Supports Sustainability at the 2016 SportsTown Awards



The City of Eugene was a sponsor for the 2016 SportsTown Awards that took place on Thursday, June 2 at Valley River Inn in Eugene. At this inaugural event, The City, Cascades & Coast Sports Commission and members of the community gathered to recognize local achievements in sports tourism and sustainable sports event practices, while also celebrating outstanding athletes and highlighting significant local contributions by coaches and mascots.

The City of Eugene also sponsored the SportsTown Sustainable Sport Event of the Year Award which celebrates events in our region that have worked to reduce their energy and water use and limit carbon emissions, while also minimizing waste, supporting local businesses, and enhancing accessibility. Mayor Piercy was on hand to present the Sustainable Sport Event of the Year Award to this year's winning sport event, "The Big O" Roller Derby Tournament (Mayor and The Big O representatives pictured above).

The Waste Prevention and Green Building program also worked with the event organizers to assist them in producing the SportsTown Awards ceremony sustainably practices, helping continue ongoing efforts to support responsible events in our community.

For more information, please contact [Deveron Musgrave](#), Waste Prevention and Green Building Program Coordinator at (541-682-6842).

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## Seven Tons of Debris Kept From Flowing into the Willamette River

With massive vacuum trucks reaching deep into the Polk Street outfall in Maurie Jacobs Park earlier this month, Public Works Maintenance crews removed seven tons of debris from the underground vault. Debris can include anything from oils and gravel to hypodermic needles and bottles. The outfall is the last chance to filter stormwater before it returns to the Willamette River.



In FY15, crews cleaned the outfall three times and removed more than 26 tons of debris. That's the equivalent of filling about 3½ ten-yard dump trucks. The Polk Street outfall treats stormwater for a large portion of Eugene before returning clean water back to the Willamette River.



Earlier this year, more than nine tons of debris was pulled from an underground stormwater treatment facility in the River Road area. This device was built in 2014 near River Road and Maynard Avenue. Without the facility in place, all of the debris would have dumped directly into the Willamette River.

For more information on the Polk Street outfall, contact Josh Colley, Stormwater Service Program Analyst, at 541-682-4938 or by email at [Josh.D.Colley@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Josh.D.Colley@ci.eugene.or.us). For more information on the treatment facility at River Road and Maynard Avenue, call Doug Singer, Civil Engineer 2, at 541-682-8460. He can also be reached by email at [doug.k.singer@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:doug.k.singer@ci.eugene.or.us).

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